

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application with claims 1, 12 and 19-23 being independent. Claims 12-18 and 22 have been withdrawn, and claim 23 has been added.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claim 20.

Claims 1-11, 19 and 21 have been rejected as being anticipated by Jung.

With respect to claim 1 and its dependent claims, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Jung does not describe or suggest forming a mixed region during irradiation with light in a deposition chamber, with the mixed region being formed on a first function region that comprises a first organic compound, and the mixed region including the first organic compound and a second organic compound that is used to form a second function region on the mixed region, as recited in claim 1. Rather, Jung merely states, at paragraph 0036, that more than two organic compounds may be deposited simultaneously within the vacuum deposition chamber.

Like claim 1, independent claim 19 recites forming a mixed region during irradiation with light in a deposition chamber, with the mixed region being formed on a first function region that comprises a first organic compound, and the mixed region including the first organic compound and a second organic compound that is used to form a second function region on the mixed region. Accordingly, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 19 for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Independent claim 21, as amended, recites forming an organic compound layer over an electrode in a deposition chamber during irradiation with light from a light source, with the light being irradiated to the organic compound layer so as to activate the organic compound molecules and promote compact film formation (as discussed in the application at page 14, lines 18-21). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 21 because Jung does not describe or suggest activating organic compound molecules to promote compact film formation.

Like claim 21, independent claim 23 recites forming an organic compound layer over an electrode in a deposition chamber during irradiation with light from a light source, with the light

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being irradiated to the organic compound layer so as to activate the organic compound molecules and promote compact film formation. Accordingly, claim 23 is allowable for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 21.

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